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- 1. In October 1950 the headquarters of the 18 Infantry Regiment was transferred from Nis to Prokuplje. The 18 Infantry Regiment was part of the 22 Division which had its headquarters in Loskovac. The 22 Division was part of the 9 Army which informant believes had its headcuarters in Kragujevac. The 9 Army was assigned to the headquarters of the 3 Military District which was moved from Mis to Skoplje in July 1950.
- 2. The regimental headquarters, the headquarters of the 2 and 3 Battalions, and all of the staff units were located in the military barracks near the railroad station in Prokuplje. The 1 Battalion, which was the training battalion for reserve non-commissioned officers, remained in Nis.
- 3. Major Mikola Krstic was the Commanding Officer of the 18 Infantry Regiment until he was sent to Belgrade in early 1951 to be an instructor in the Advanced Military Academy. The Political Commissar of the 18 Infantry Regiment was Major Urosh Kacman.
- 4. The Sub-Machine Gun Company, which was attached to the staff of the 18 Infantry Regiment, had its headquarters in Prokuplje. The Commanding Officer of the Company was Captain Milosh Cirovic, the Political Commissar was First Lieutenant Lazar Petrovic, and the leader of the 1 Platoon was First Lieutenant Steva Bursac. The Company had about 80 men, and its armament consisted of six Soviet automatic rifles and 74 Soviet 7.62 mm (M-1941) sub-machine guns.
- 5. From April to August 1951 the men of the 2 and 3 Battalions of the 18 Infantry Regiment were at Bela Palanka constructing trenches and bunkers in that area.

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